

Wednesday, January 17, 1951

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate continued foreign policy debate.

Naval vessel construction bill passed by House.

Deliberations on contract-renegotiation legislation completed by House committee.

Senate Judiciary Committee voted to report various miscellaneous bills.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 351-363

Bills Introduced: Twenty-seven bills and seven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 516 to S. 542; S. J. Res. 18 and S. J. Res. 19; S. Con. Res. 6 and S. Con. Res. 7; and S. Res. 38 to S. Res. 40.

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Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 15, making it an offense for private employment agencies to solicit or accept fees for referring persons for employment by the U. S. (S. Rept. 3);

S. 34, relating to mailing of obscene matters (S. Rept. 4);

S. 35, appointment of deputy U. S. marshals without regard to civil-service laws (S. Rept. 5);

S. 27, prohibiting transportation of obscene matters in interstate or foreign commerce (S. Rept. 18);

S. 32, increasing per diem and mileage allowances of U. S. judges (S. Rept. 19);

S. Res. 7, to increase limit of expenditures for investigation of administration, operation, and enforcement of the Internal Security Act of 1950, and other internal security laws (S. Rept. 24)—referred to Committee on Rules and Administration;

The following private bills: S. 44, 46, 48, 51, 52, 53, 54, 57, 58, 59, 62, 63, 45, 56, S. Con. Res. 6, 7 (S. Repts. 6-17 and 20-23, respectively);

S. Res. 6, to increase limit of Judiciary Committee expenditures (no written report)—referred to Committee on Rules and Administration;

S. Res. 4, to revise and print Senate rules and manual for the use of the Eighty-second Congress (no written report);

S. Res. 9, gratuity payment to relative of a deceased Senate employee (no written report);

S. Res. 38, electing Senator Benton as a member of the Joint Committee on the Library (no written report).

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Routine Resolutions: Senate adopted without amendment the following routine resolutions: S. Res. 4, to revise and print Senate Rules and Manual for the use of the Eighty-second Congress; S. Res. 9, gratuity payment to relative of a deceased Senate employee; and S. Res. 38, electing Senator Benton as a member of the Joint Committee on the Library.

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Assignment of Troops to Europe: Senate continued on S. Res. 8, declaring it to be the sense of the Senate that no ground forces be assigned to duty in Europe for purpose of North Atlantic Pact pending adoption by Congress of policy thereon.

The time of voting on S. Res. 8 was changed from 3 p. m. to 2 p. m. on Tuesday, January 23.

Pages 361, 382-385

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE

Committee on Agriculture and Forestry: Committee met in executive session to discuss organization plans and possible studies to be undertaken by the committee during the year.

NATIONAL SECURITY

Committee on Armed Services: Continuing hearings on S. 1, National Security Training Act of 1951, as well as the over-all manpower situation, including selective service and universal military service, the Preparedness Subcommittee heard the following witnesses express their views on the proposed legislation: Karl Compton, president, MIT; Harold Dodds, president, Princeton; Dr. James P. Baxter, president, Williams; Leonard Carmichael, president, Tufts; and Dr. Detlev W. Bronk, Johns Hopkins. Hearings continue tomorrow.

DEFENSE HOUSING

Committee on Banking and Currency: Continuing hearings on S. 349, to assist the provision of housing and community facilities and services required in connection with the national defense (to be cited as the De-

fense Housing and Community Facilities and Services Act of 1951), the committee received testimony from John L. Thurston, Deputy Administrator; Leonard Scheele, Surgeon General, USPHS; and Eric Lindamen, U. S. Office of Education, all of the FSA, in support of enacting the bill, and expressing the ability of their agency to carry out any functions which the President might delegate to it under the terms of the bill.

Gen. Colby M. Myers, Department of Defense, also testified in support of the bill, stressing the need for housing and community facilities for servicemen and families at military installations.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION, AND COMMITTEE PROCEDURE

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: In executive session, committee voted to adopt various rules of procedure previously followed by the committee.

Action on creation and assignments to subcommittees was deferred until a later date.

Tentatively, the committee agreed to meet on the first and third Thursdays of each month.

Following the meeting, the chairman announced that the committee would begin hearings on Tuesday, January 23, on S. 101, to amend Reorganization Act of 1949 by adding a new title III, entitled Defense Reorganization Act of 1951.

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION AND EXPENDITURES, PRIVATE IMMIGRATION, AND MISCELLANEOUS GENERAL BILLS

Committee on the Judiciary: In executive session, committee voted to report various bills and resolutions, as follows:

Sixteen private immigration bills (S. 44, 45, 46, 48, 51, 52, 53, 54, 56, 57, 58, 59, 62, 63, and two Senate concurrent resolutions to be introduced);

S. Res. 6, to increase limit of Judiciary Committee expenditures;

S. Res. 7, to increase limit of expenditures for investigation of administration, operation, and enforcement of the Internal Security Act of 1950, and other internal security laws;

S. 15, making it an offense for private employment agencies to solicit or accept fees for referring persons for employment by the U. S.;

S. 27, prohibiting transportation of obscene matters in interstate or foreign commerce;

S. 34, relating to mailing of obscene matters;

S. 32, increasing per diem and mileage allowances of U. S. judges; and

S. 35, appointment of deputy U. S. marshals without regard to civil-service laws.

Two bills were referred to subcommittee for study, as follows: S. 16, to provide for payment of an annuity to widows of judges; and S. 25, to amend the Bankruptcy Act (farmer debtor).

It adopted a committee resolution to make one a quorum for taking testimony before the committee.

It agreed upon the establishment of the following subcommittees: (1) Constitutional Amendments; (2) Federal Charters, Holidays, and Celebrations; (3) Immigration and Naturalization; (4) Improvement in Judicial Machinery; (5) National Penitentiaries; (6) Patents, Trade-marks, and Copyrights; (7) Revision and Codification; (8) Antitrust and Monopoly Legislation; and (9) Subcommittee under S. Res. 366 of the Eighty-first Congress for Investigation of Internal Security.

LABOR-MANAGEMENT REPORTS

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: Subcommittee on Labor-Management Relations met in executive session to consider its reports on (1) Bell Telephone System, (2) East coast tanker oil industry, (3) confidential report on conflict of policy between NLRB and former general counsel, and (4) on the continuing railway labor dispute.

It ordered the printing of four reports submitted to the subcommittee by universities on the use of injunctions in labor disputes in State courts.

The subcommittee also discussed the report to be made on the textile industry, and a final general report to be made at a later date.

SUBCOMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS, AND ADMINISTRATIVE RESOLUTIONS

Committee on Rules and Administration: In executive session, the committee welcomed its new members and made certain subcommittee appointments, as follows: the Subcommittee on Privileges and Elections was increased to five, and the following members were assigned thereto: Senators Gillette, *chairman*, Monroney, Hennings, Hendrickson, and Smith of Maine.

Senator Benton was selected as a member to the Joint Committee on the Library, and the committee authorized the introduction of a resolution to that effect.

It voted to report without amendment S. Res. 4, to revise and print Senate Rules and Manual for the use of the Eighty-second Congress, and S. Res. 9, gratuity payment to relative of a deceased Senate employee.

It also took other routine committee action. Committee agreed to meet again next Wednesday.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Seventy-two public bills, H. R. 1600-1671; fifty-two private bills, H. R. 1672-1723; and sixteen resolutions, H. J. Res. 111-119; H. Con. Res. 37-39; and H. Res. 73-76, were introduced. Pages 434-436

Bills Reported: One report was made as follows: H. R. 1, to authorize the payment by the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs of a gratuitous indemnity to survivors of members of the Armed Forces who die in active service, amended (H. Rept. 6). Pages 433-434

Committee Resignation: Received resignation of Representative Chudoff from membership on the Committee on Public Works. Page 386

Naval Vessel Construction: Passed, 366 yeas to no nays, H. R. 1001, authorizing a program of construction of modern naval vessels. This bill involves an authorization to construct 500,000 tons of naval vessels and to convert 1,000,000 tons of existing vessels. It also authorizes construction of an aircraft carrier. It is estimated that the conversion program and the construction program will each cost about \$1 billion. Pages 386-408

Executive Mansion Renovation: The Speaker appointed Representatives Rabaut and McGregor members of the Commission on Renovation of the Executive Mansion. Page 408

Ways and Means: Considered and passed the following bills from the Committee on Ways and Means:

Synthetic Rubber, H. J. Res. 73, amending chapter 26 of the Internal Revenue Code so as to facilitate the use of beverage alcohol in the synthetic rubber program.

Textile Machinery, H. R. 1012, to permit educational, religious, or charitable institutions to import free of duty any textile machinery or parts thereof for use in the instruction of students.

Gasoline Taxes, H. R. 136, to allow the consumer of gasoline to deduct, for income purposes, State taxes on gasoline imposed on the wholesaler and passed on to the consumer (with committee amendment). Pages 408-410

Committee Meetings

AIR FORCE REORGANIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: The Kilday subcommittee concluded public hearings on H. R. 399, Air Force Reorganization Act of 1951. Final witnesses to be heard were George A. Spiegelberg, representing the American Bar Association, and Tom King, of the Re-

serve Officers Association. This subcommittee will meet on this legislation tomorrow in executive session.

CONTRACT RENEGOTIATIONS

Committee on Ways and Means: Completed its deliberations on renegotiation of contracts (H. R. 1270), and requested that the chairman introduce a clean bill reflecting the changes in this measure agreed upon by the committee. Chairman Doughton stated that it is anticipated that the new bill will be introduced this Friday, January 19, and will be considered in the House Tuesday, January 23.

The new bill would make subject to renegotiation moneys received or accrued by a contractor and related subcontractors on or after January 1, 1951, in an amount of \$100,000 or more in 1 year where the contracts are made with Departments of Defense, Army, Navy, Air Force, Commerce, the General Services Administration, the Atomic Energy Commission, and other agencies exercising functions in connection with the national defense which the President shall designate.

Contract brokers would be renegotiated for any year in which they have receipts and accruals of \$25,000 or more. A termination date of December 31, 1953, will be provided. Renegotiation articles would be required to be included in all contracts and subcontracts made 30 days after the date of enactment.

The following contracts and subcontracts would be mandatorily exempted:

(a) Contracts with producers of agricultural commodities for the agricultural commodity in its raw or natural state or if the commodity is not customarily sold or does not have an established market in its raw or natural state in the first form or state beyond the raw or natural state in which it is customarily sold or has an established market.

(b) The product of mines, oil or gas wells, mineral or natural deposits where a product has not been processed, refined, or treated beyond the ordinary treatment processes normally applied in order to obtain the first commercially marketable product, but only if such contract or subcontract is with the owner or operator of the producing property. Ordinary treatment processes in the case of mines, wells, and deposits are defined as being those for which a percentage depletion allowance is provided in section 114 (b) (3) or (4) of the Internal Revenue Code. In the case of other products, the Board will prescribe regulations defining ordinary treatment processes.

(c) Timber which has not been processed beyond the form of logs where the contract or subcontract is with the owner of the timber property or the producer of the logs.

(d) Subcontracts directly or indirectly under a contract or subcontract to which the Renegotiation Act does not apply by reason of the mandatory exemptions.

(e) Contracts with States, possessions, Territories, and foreign governments.

In the case of integrated producers of exempted products, the Renegotiation Board by regulation will prescribe a cost allowance substantially equivalent to the amount at which the product could be sold in the state or form required for exemption.

The Board is given discretionary authority to exempt contracts or subcontracts to be performed outside the United States or Alaska; contracts or subcontracts where the profits can be determined with reasonable certainty when the contract price is established or where the time required for performance will not be in excess of 30 days; contracts and subcontracts where the provisions are adequate to prevent excessive profits; contracts or subcontracts, the renegotiation of which would jeopardize secrecy required in the public interest; and contracts and subcontracts where it is not administratively feasible to determine and segregate profits attributable

to activities not subject to renegotiation. The Board may exempt these contracts and subcontracts, both individually and by general classes or types.

An independent Renegotiation Board of five members would be established, to be appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. At least three of these members must be from civilian life. Decisions of the Board would be subject to review de novo by the U. S. Tax Court, the decision of which would be final.

Joint Committee Meetings

ATOMIC ENERGY

Joint Committee on Atomic Energy: Committee met in executive session to discuss committee program for the current session.



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HIGHLIGHTS

Senate continued foreign policy debate.

House Armed Services subcommittee approved Air Force reorganization bill.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 438-450

Bills Introduced: Twenty-eight bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 543 to S. 570; S. J. Res. 20 and 21; and S. Res. 41. *Pages 439-440, 450*

Bills Referred: Four House-passed bills were referred to appropriate committees. *Page 444*

Senator Sworn In: Senator Duff, of Pennsylvania, was sworn in for the term ending 1957. *Page 437*

Committee Assignments: Senator Duff was assigned to service on the District of Columbia and Post Office and Civil Service Committees.

Senator Benton was assigned to service on the Joint Committee on the Economic Report, and Senator Anderson to the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy. *Page 437*

Smithsonian Institution: Senator George was appointed to the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution. *Page 437*

Assignment of Troops to Europe: Senate continued on S. Res. 8, declaring it to be the sense of the Senate that no ground forces be assigned to duty in Europe for purpose of North Atlantic Pact pending adoption by Congress of policy thereon.

Nominations: Two civilian nominations were received. *Page 451*

Committee Meetings

NATIONAL SECURITY

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DEFENSE HOUSING

Committee on Banking and Currency: Continuing hearings on S. 349, to assist the provision of housing and community facilities and services required in connection with the national defense (to be cited as the Defense Housing and Community Facilities and Services Act of 1951), the committee heard Walter Williams, Director of Production Division, and Carroll Towne, both of the AEC, testify in favor of the bill as an aid in